

Recall that the secant function is defined as the reciprocal of the cosine function:  
 $\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$ . In this problem, we will find some properties of the secant function.

**Exercise 1** (a) Recall that  $\cos(x) = 0$  when  $x$  is an odd multiple of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ :  
 $\dots, -\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2}, \dots$ . Select the domain of the cosecant function.

**Multiple Choice:**

- (i)  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- (ii)  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
- (iii)  $\dots \cup (-2\pi, -\pi) \cup (-\pi, 0) \cup (0, \pi) \cup (\pi, 2\pi) \cup \dots$
- (iv)  $\dots \cup \left(-\frac{5\pi}{2}, -\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cup \dots$  ✓

(b) Recall that cosine is an even function. Secant is

**Multiple Choice:**

- (i) odd.
- (ii) even. ✓
- (iii) odd and even.
- (iv) neither odd nor even.

(c) On the interval  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , secant is

**Multiple Choice:**

- (i) increasing. ✓
- (ii) decreasing.
- (iii) neither increasing nor decreasing.

(d) Using knowledge of famous angles,  $\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \boxed{2}$ .

(e) Which of the following graphs is the graph of  $\sec(x)$ ?

**Multiple Choice:**

- (i) A
- (ii) B ✓
- (iii) C
- (iv) D

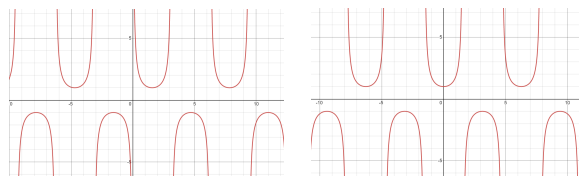


Figure 1: A on the left and B on the right

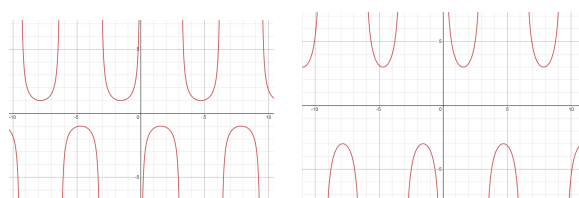


Figure 2: C on the left and D on the right